

NC Pre-K Overview

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten is a voluntary pre-kindergarten program designed to prepare at risk four-year-olds in North Carolina for success in school. High quality childcare centers partner to provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum and structured environment for students.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the North Carolina Pre-K program, children must:

1. Be a NC resident
2. Be four years old by August 31st and be eligible for kindergarten the following year.
3. Meet the income requirements as set by the state of North Carolina.

More at Four- Pilot

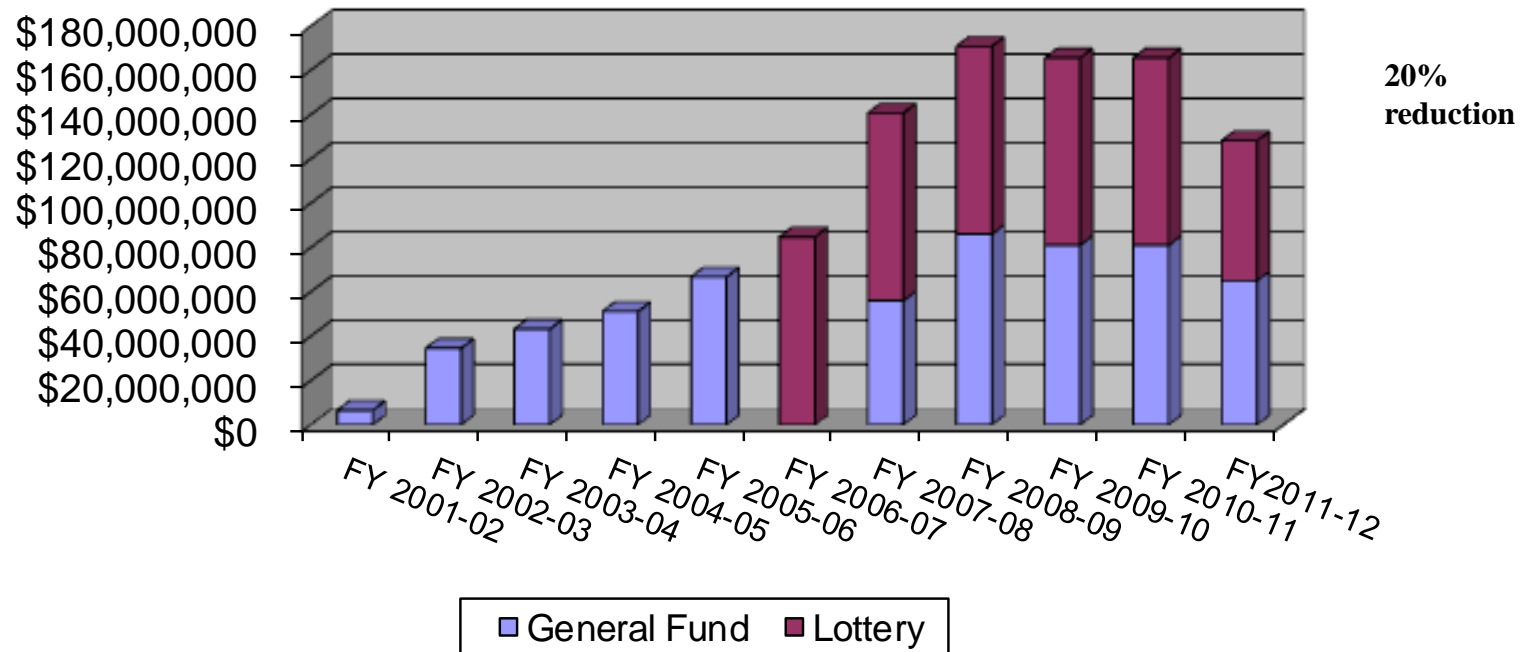
- S.L. 2001- 424 established the More At Four Pilot Program
 - Appropriation of \$6M
 - Established a Task Force
 - Provided Program Guidelines

FY2011-12 Budget Actions

- Transfer of More At Four Program into Division of Child Development and Early Education ---- NC Pre-K
 - \$128M
 - \$65M State Funds
 - \$63M Lottery Funds
- More At Four Match
 - Discontinuation of payments to More at Four from Child Care Subsidy funds.

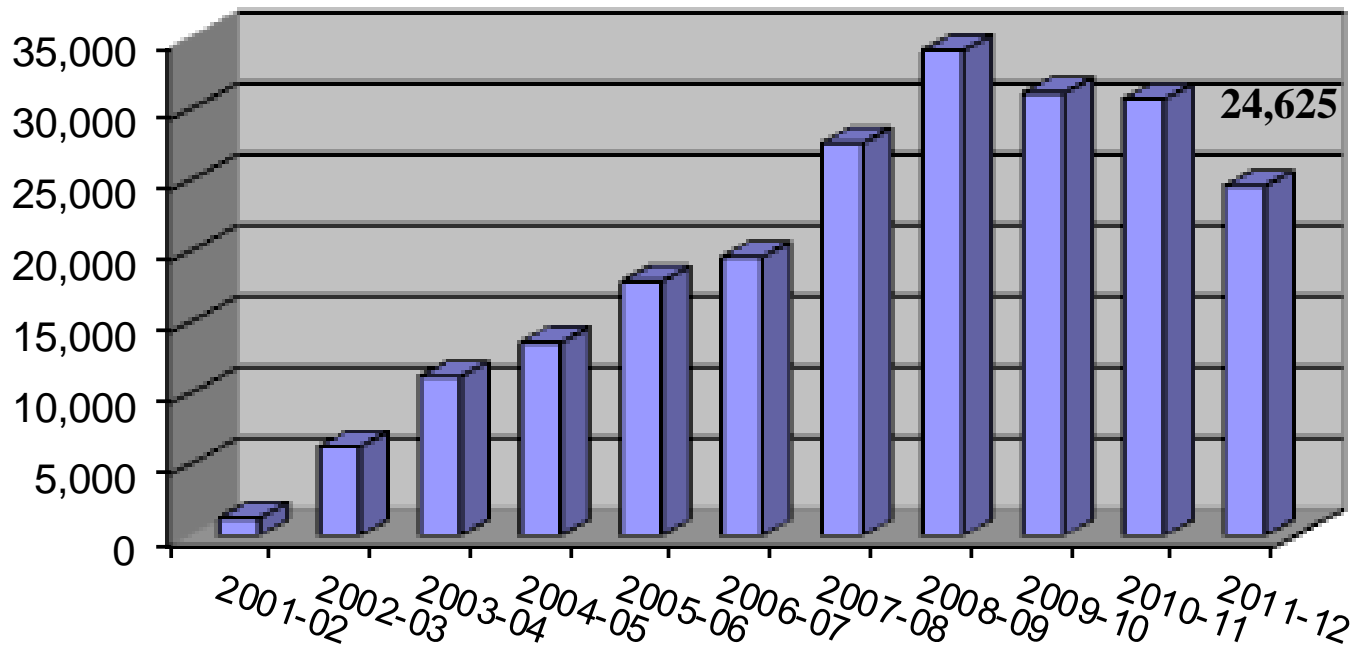
Funding History

MAF Total State Funding (in Dollars)



Children Served

Number of Children Served by Year



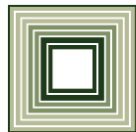
***11-12 counts based on slots**

NC Pre-K Funding

- FY2012-13
 - General Fund Appropriations \$128,147,360
- FY2011-12
 - General Fund Appropriation \$130,291,706

FY2012-13 Budget Actions

- Creation of a pilot program that provides funding for NC Pre-K classrooms on a per classroom basis.



Executive Order 128

- Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enroll 6,300 eligible at-risk four-year-olds in NC Pre-K beginning October 19th, 2012.
- Identifies \$20 million to be disbursed for the increased enrollment from the DHHS budget

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